

THE LAST
WILL
AND
TESTAMENT
OF

John Bradshaw,

President of the High Court of Justice.

WITH A
CODICILL

Thereunto Annexed:

Hell from beneath is moved to meet thee at thy coming, Psal. 14. 9.

Furor est ne mori arde mori.

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IN the Name of the DEVIL, and his DAM,
The Good Old Cause, Amen. I John Bradshaw,
the most impious Villain the earth ever groan-
ed under, being tormented in Body, with the ap-
parent Symptoms of the Plagues of Hell; but
thanks to an evil and affrighted Conscience of
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bloody Mind, and accursed Memory, do make and ordain this my last WILL and TESTAMENT, in manner and form following.

First, I most unwillingly surrender my Loath-ed Soul into his hands that seduced it to the Per-petration of so hideous a Murther, being well assured to be for ever tormented in HELL, and for that trusting solely to my own Merits.

Secondly, my wretched body I require to be laid on a Herce, *alias* a Hurdle, and to be drawn from *Welsminster* through the Streets of *London* to *Tower Hill*, to be most ignominiously there Interr'd in the Grave of *Miles Sindercombe* (his Corps being first thence removed) since being too honest and noble company for such a *Caystiff*. And for my Worldly Goods and Preferments with which it hath pleased the *Devil* and his faithfull Servants the *Parliament*, to store me, I do herein dispose of them as foloweth.

First, I give and bequeath unto the Heirs of my Lord *Cottingham*, the Reversion of his Mannor of *Hanworth* and *Freemantle*, when neither the State nor my Assigns can hold it any longer.

Item, I give and bequeath my Mannors and Lands in *Cheshire*, descended to me from my Ancestors to my good Friend and Countryman Sir *Georg Booth* (whom I heartily thank for frightening me to this natural Death) towards the reparation of his Fortunes, or to any one else that can find them.

Item, I give and bequeath my new made Lodg-

Lodgings at the West end of *Westminster* Abbey to any of the present Grandees that are climbing and aspiring to be highest, (though I cannot wish well to my Cousin *Lambert*.)

Item, I give one Hundred Groats to Alderman *Treten*, in a grateful remembrance of the damnable advice I had from his Brother, and in respect of his own mischievous service, to the Common Wealth.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Fellow Labourer the Lord Chief Baron *wild*, my wrought Night-Cap wherein I slept so secure and dreadlesse of any direful apparitions, being exceedingly useful to him against the haunting of the Ghost of innocent Captain *Burleigh*.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my familiar and close Friend Mrs. *Lentball* the Speakers Lady, as much Scarlet of my High Court of Justice Robes, as will make her a Petticoat, to be worn against the next Thanksgiving day to be solemnised at Grocers Hall, and the remainder of it to be burnt to powder to cure the sore throats that Squire *DUN* will shortly make among my Consorts.

Item, I give and bequeath to the silent Speaker my Gold trimm'd Gloves being used and accustomed to Bribes, being a suitable qualification for a Master of the Rolls.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the Dishonourable *William* Earl of *Salisbury* my black Silk Garters, that will be fitter for his Neck, than his
blew

blew Garter for his Legs.

Item, The rest and residue of my Apparel I give unto the Hangman, to whom of due right they only do belong.

Item, I give all my Preferments to my Brother *Edm.* having been my Successor in my great famous employment; excepting only the Judgeship of the Sheriffs Court, which I would request the Londoners for the great good I have done them, to confer again upon Mr.

Proflor.

Item, I Will and Require my Executors hereafter named, for the perpetuating that most infamous and abominable Fact of *Regicidium* to dispend annually one hundred Pound Sterling on an Anniversary Oration in the Elogie of that Monke that slabb'd *Henry* the 3d. of *France*.

Item, I give one thousand Marks to any one that will assume and bear the name of *Ravilla* in that Kingdom, and so *Continuis vicibus*, as often as the wheel shall bruise any of them.

Item, Five hundred Marks more to the erecting of a stately Monument to the glorious memory of *Guy Fawks*, to be placed in the room of the late Tyrant and Traytor *Oliver*.

Item, I give one thousand pounds more for the redemption of Turkish and Infidel Slaves, taken by Piratical Christians, and that Alderman *Pack* be Treasurer for it, to whom I Will and Require my Executors to pay the same, taking Security that he pay it within ten days after he hath

hath cleared his account with the *Piedmont Protestants*.

Item, I do by all means desire, and I do hereby strictly charge my Executors that *Peter Sherr* Preach my Funeral Sermon, and that he may (if possible) regain his credite. I do command him to say, *That I am placed at the right hand of the Devil.*

The rest and residue of all my Goods and Chattels, Lands and Hereditaments, my Especial and Singular Vertues, my Religion, my Charity, my Mercy, I give to my dearly beloved Pimp Mr. *Nedham*, desiring him, that if he hangs not for his own sake, he would hang for mine, requesting my other Mercury Mr. *Will. Lilly*, and the above mentioned Esquire *Dunne*, to be aiding and assisting to him in the execution of the premises. Bequeathing unto Mr. *Lilly* a Hempen Chain, which he may either make use of himself, or send as a return to the King of *Sweden*.

Signed, Sealed, and Declared by the aforesaid *John Bradshaw* to be his last will and Testament.

In presence of
JOHN BRADSHAW.

Hugh Peters.

Philip Nye.

John Canne.

CODICILL.

*The Testator adds (which through impetuosity, or inco-
gitancy he had omitted in the W I L L hereto an-
nexed) these following Bequests and Legacies.*

I Tem, I give and bequeath unto the Solicitor Cook the High Court of Justice-Man my broad Beaver Hat (it being Gallows-Law to give it after the Plahn is sung) to hide his Squint Eyes; and because I have no better Jewels by me, I give and bequeath unto him the Mill-stone mentioned in the Gospel, to be worn as a special Ornament in his Hat-band.

Item I give and bequeath a timely *Item* unto the brood of Dorislaus, that they forthwith depart this Kingdom, lest they suffer the same at London, which their villainous Father deservedly underwent in the Hague.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the Executors of Edmund Prigance my Attorney General this ensuing Caution, That they reserve the sixty thousand pound Bribe-Gold in their Hands for the rebeautifying of Cheapside-Cross: And for that I will speak with him my self.

Item, (if there can be any conclusion) as my last Bequest and Legacy, would the Small Pox, the French Pox, the Plague had befallen Mr. Recorder Steel, and the rest of them, before I had medled with them, or their Good Old Cause? So I begin, and so I have ended.

For the validity and more certain truth of this Codicill, I have desired the Credentials of Secretary Thurlow, together with a true Copy of Sommers Plot, to be labelled hereunto.

Sic Testator,

JOHN BRADSHAW.

JOHN THUR E. N
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